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1. AS REPORTED IN REFTTEL, GENERAL KRIANGSAK, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE NARC, HAD CONFIRMED A LUNCHEON APPOINTMENT WITH BURKE TODAY OCTOBER 18. TWO HOURS BEFORE THE APPOINTED TIME KRIANGSAK'S OFFICE CALLED APOLOGETICALLY TO STATE THAT THE GENERAL HAD BEEN CONVOKED TO AN IMPORTANT MEETING AND FOR THAT REASON WOULD HAVE TO POSTPONE THE LUNCHEON APPOINTMENT.

2. KRIANGSAK'S CANCELLATION OF LUNCH SEEMS TO US QUITE CONSISTENT WITH THE POSITION ADMIRAL SA-NGAT HAS TAKEN REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY MEETING WITH ME. IT SEEMS QUITE OBVIOUS THAT THE NARC LEADERSHIP IS VERY SENSITIVE TO THE CHARGE WHICH HANOI IS RETAILING THAT THEY ORGANIZED AND EXECUTED THE MILITARY TAKEOVER ON OCTOBER 6 AT THE DIRECTION OF THE USG. THEREFORE THEY ARE SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDING ANY CONTACT THAT WOULD APPEAR TO LEND SUBSTANCE TO THESE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CHARGES.
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